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Applicant : Wallace *et al.*  
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For : **METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING COMPOUNDS AS ANTIOXIDANTS**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and entry of the present Amendment. This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and the necessary fee. A Notice of Appeal is also submitted herewith. It is submitted that this Amendment puts the claims in condition for allowance, or alternatively, puts the claims in better condition for appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.